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elastomeric properties to flex so that it can be brought into tight engagement with the valve seat to form a fluid tight seal.

FIG. 18 shows that pathway of the liquid evacuating from the closure 220 and the pathway of air 222 into the container.

FIGS. 19 and 20 are other embodiments of the present invention and like parts will be referred to like numerals. This closure is a slide type closure wherein the valve element 14 is mounted in the mounting sleeve 20. In this embodiment there is no annular flange as in the embodiments shown in FIGS. 1 and 18. Instead, the valve element 14 defines the air conduit 24 and the liquid conduit 26 which are divided by the wall 32. A portion of the valve member is removed to define an air inlet 27 and on an opposite side of the valve member another portion is removed to form the liquid outlet 90. The gripping flange 86 as is best seen in FIG. 21 is dimensioned for a user to grasp and slide away from the mounting sleeve to uncover both the air inlet 27 and the liquid outlet 90 to place the valve element in an open position.

While specific embodiments have been illustrated and described, numerous modifications come to mind without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of protection is only limited by the scope of the accompanying claims.